



Message from the Headteacher

"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly; and to love mercy; and to walk humbly with your God"

Micah 6:8

We were delighted to welcome everyone back at the start of the Spring Term.

Testing of pupils and students on return went to plan, thankfully with very few pupils testing positive for COVID-19. We are so grateful to the community volunteers who continue to support our testing programme, whenever needed, and to you for making sure pupils test twice a week. Positive cases are relatively low, so we press on through the term with renewed confidence school will run as normally as possible, within the current guidelines. Face coverings will continue to be worn by pupils and staff whilst moving around the building,

and also in classrooms at the current time. We will continue to review this in line with any adjustments recommended by the Government.

My New Year video message to pupils was entitled 'New Year, New You?' At this time of year, many (including myself) are resolved to do something different that improves, or develops an aspect of our lives. I hope everyone will grab the opportunity to have a very positive start to the Spring Term.

We have lots to look forward to in this Jubilee year, not least an additional bank holiday, added to the end of the academic year! Have a lovely week ahead.

God bless,
Renata Joseph
Headteacher

Chaplain's Corner

'And He who was seated on the throne said: "Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:5

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a good break, enjoyed the Christmas season and welcomed in the New Year in good spirit.

This new year will be new for me in many ways, having just become a father for the first time (see picture of one-week old baby Ayla, Ada and me on Christmas Day)! It's been a great couple of weeks since she's been here, despite having to learn new ways of sleeping and resting, and I am excited to grow into the role.

As I look ahead to a new school term and a new year, I am encouraged to know that there is a good God on the throne, who wants to be actively involved in our lives and who is able to bring beauty out of ashes, make old things new, and bring new life.

I pray for all of us in our personal and family lives that we know God's help and blessing throughout 2022. Amen.

Alex Shoderu
School Chaplain



Supporting our local community



Levi and Chukwudi (Year 10) report: "A group of pupils visited Home Café before Christmas to present them with our donation of £560 that was raised by pupils during the internal school fetes held as part of Activities Week in 2021. Home Community Café is based in St Andrew's Church (Earlsfield) and is a Community Interest Company. Their aim is to help those who are lonely or in need, through community meals, hampers and meeting with other people in the same situation. Their staff are largely volunteers, willing to help other members of their community.

The money our school has donated has helped fund community meals, as well as food hampers, that are given out to those in need."

Pictured left: **Amelia, Eva, Jasmine, Chukwudi and Levi.**

Luxury in the Library

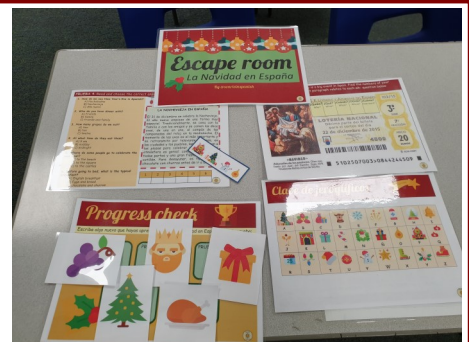
How fantastic to come back from the Christmas break and find a delivery of ten brand new seats ordered with funding from the Friends of Saint Cecilia's! They are bright, easy to clean, lightweight yet sturdy, and an ideal height for reading or studying with work on your lap. A welcome replacement for the old and heavy seating that took retirement after over a decade of service. Huge thanks to The Friends for providing cheerful and comfortable seats for our pupils and students.



Susan Derby
Librarian

Spanish Escape Game

Our fantastic MFL teacher, Caroline Roden, organised a fun Christmas Escape game for Year 8 at the end of term. Pupils played in teams of five or six and they needed to do different tasks in order to solve puzzles, to get a combination to that only Ms Roden knew. In order to get the right combination, pupils needed to read different texts related to Christmas traditions in Spain. They enjoyed the game, which has helped them to develop some cultural knowledge while practising other skills.

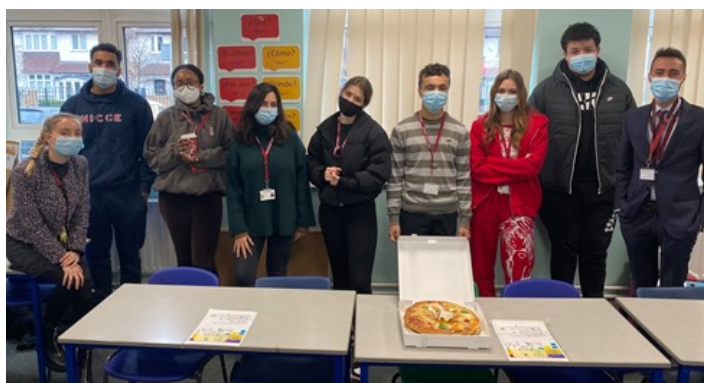


Francisco
Jimenez Aranda
Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish Traditions

This week Year 12 and 13 students celebrated Epiphany or 'El Día de Reyes', which is when the three wise men came to give presents to Jesus. This day is nearly as important in Spanish culture as Christmas, especially for children, as this is the day that gifts are exchanged.

Roscón de Reyes (Spanish Kings' Cakes) are found in almost every Spanish home during the holiday season, typically enjoyed for breakfast on the morning of 6th January, as we did in the Spanish Department this week. Even the game associated with the cake, introduced during Roman times, has survived: inside the cake there is a bean and a little figurine. The person who finds the bean must pay for the cake next year and the winning slice is marked by a tiny figurine (usually) of a king. The winner gets to wear the paper crown that most 'roscones' include in the box. Some cakes will use a small figurine of the baby Jesus instead of a king, or even of beloved pop culture characters!



Adrien, Destinie, Josefina, Aleksandra, Gabriel, Freya and Joshua

Sara Navarro Martinez

Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, House Leader of Schubert



Christmas Culture

Pupils were given some optional cultural activities to do over the Christmas holidays. Here are a few examples of the great efforts some of them made:

Alistair in Year 7 made a delicious French *Buche de Noel* (pictured right)

Mehdi and **Sami** in Year 7 made 'une galette de Roi'.



Macaulay in Year 10 watched a set of four films by the French director Eric Rohmer and here is his write-up about what he learned: *Eric Rohmer, born in 1920, was perhaps the most influential filmmaker of the French New Wave cinematic movement; and yet, he was more than that. He was an artist with his fingers on the pulse of human experience, an artist with an unparalleled insight into the matters of love and friendship, a moral philosopher and an emotional educator. Discovering his filmography this half term was a really joyful experience for me. I started off with his 'Six Moral Tales', a cycle of films made between 1962 and 1972 where Rohmer explores the existential questions that writers such as Sartre and Camus were raising at the same time. I was fascinated by the philosophical discussions that his characters were having, by the tranquillity of the films, and by the beautiful shots of Paris in the 1960s! They are a testament to a period of French intellectualism that produced some of my favourite works of art - I was reading Jean-Paul Sartre's novel 'The Reprieve' at the time I watched the 'Six Moral Tales', and they complemented each other perfectly! Eric Rohmer's films are utterly beautiful, and I am so glad that I discovered them - they are a valuable testament to the development of France over the years, and they taught me a lot about myself, making me question the way that I live, the way that I treat those who I love, and the way that I think about the strange but beautiful world that we live in. I wholeheartedly recommend these films - ils sont pratiquement parfaits!*

Sylvia Basilious

Interim Curriculum Team Leader Modern Foreign Languages

Music Success



We are delighted that **Nathan** Year 13, currently studying A Level Music, has been successful in gaining a place on the undergraduate Jazz course at Trinity Laban Conservatoire for Autumn 2022. Nathan is a very talented musician who plays both saxophone and bass, and definitely deserves this place. Well done and congratulations Nathan!

John Wells
Curriculum Team Leader for Music



Pupils get Innovated



This is the final design the Innovation Club submitted to the Victoria and Albert Museum for consideration in their annual National Schools Innovation competition. The challenge is for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 to work in teams of four to six, to design a solution to a real-world problem. The club was run by Victoria England and Megumi Davis, and participants were **Zach, Tintin, Sophia, Sura, Bianca** and **Shayden** in Year 7 and **Patrick** in Year 9. The designers picked the theme Renew, and researched, developed and designed the 'ManyPen' collaboratively. As detailed in their competition entry, this is "... a way to re-use pencil stubs, whilst also solving other important issues such as plastic waste from one-time-use pens, and portability of a pencil case." All the graphics were produced by **Patrick**. We are really excited to hear the results....

We spent time researching similar concepts and products on the internet. We found many examples of pens that incorporated many other useful features. However, they lacked the combination of pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener that we were looking for.

We use a lot of pencils at school. Sometimes they snap; often they wear down to a stub, and we simply throw them in the bin. What a waste!

So we have developed ManyPen - a way to re-use pencil stubs, whilst also solving other important issues such as plastic waste from one-time-use pens, and portability of a pencil case. We have combined a holder for old pencil stubs with a sustainably sourced rubber, a useful ruler, a sharpener and a re-fillable ball-point pen. Your pencil case, combined into a more portable, compact pen.

The ManyPen will change your life. It reduces the need for a chunky pencil case - just whip out your manyPen and you're sorted. It will reduce your carbon footprint by using ZERO PLASTIC, instead using bamboo and rubber sourced from recycled tyres (all sustainable materials). It has everything you need for a successful lesson or meeting.

ManyPen

Saint Cecilia's
www.saintcc.org.uk

With 'renew' in mind, we brainstormed ideas on a big A2 sheet. With some crazy ideas, we then refined them. We had a vision of the perfect creation: a convenient, environmentally friendly combination of everything you need for work or school. We researched comparable products (see left) and materials (right). And then we sketched. Different sizes, different shapes, different components, different ways of piecing the pen together: all of these we experimented with. After many attempts and hours, we agreed on our final design.

Then we had to come up with a name. What should it be? bamboopen? bamPen? boopPen? MagiPen? nap? pprns? Finally, we came up with the final product: manyPen - any student's dream.

*pen backwards, **pen pencil rubber ruler sharpener

Materials.

WOOD

bamboo.

Reduce Re-use Recycle

environment.

Homemade Renew RECYCLE

Fix-it shop Electronics Phones
Repair shop Re-use Plastic Microwaves
Toys Clothes Laptops Appliances
Books Shoes Food Fridges Ovens
Pencil stubs Repair ETC.

First sketches

Design ideas

X-ray view

ManyPen final design

Rubber Clicks in

Sharpener Clip for pocket, will hold the sharpened pencil

Rubber grip Made from recycled tyres

Pen Reusable ballpoint pen

Pencil Old pencil stubs are attached into here

Designed by Sura and Tintin

Multiple of these when you get it

ZACH

This was a fun project, making us think about creative solutions to the climate crisis. It's made us work collaboratively, taking on different roles, thinking creatively outside the box and finding a gap in the market for a product which we think will make life that little bit easier.

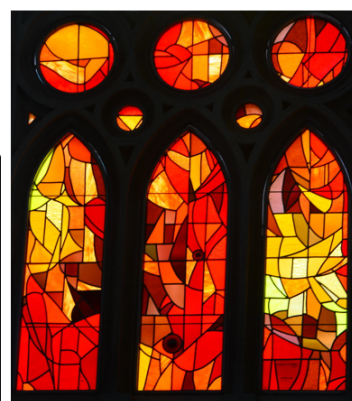
By Saint Cecilia's Innovation Club

Victoria England
Teacher of Art and Design

Window Wanderland



For the second year, Saint Cecilia's is taking part in the **Window Wanderland community Art project**. Window Wanderland is a local project where people decorate their front windows with paper stained glass creations. **Saint Cecilia's will leave the lights on so our decorated front windows become a large 'outdoor gallery' on Sat 26th Feb and Sun 27th Feb.** This year, we will transform the windows of our school inspired by the stained glass of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.



Pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join the creativity: Starting Thursday 20th January 3.30pm until 4.30pm the Art and MFL department will run a 'Windows Wanderland Art club' in 0.11 to create our stained glass windows. We will cover as many windows as we can! Please encourage your child to sign up and take part and do come along to see the display when the event is live.



Stella Allan
Curriculum Team Leader for Art and Design

Netball News

On the last Wednesday of term, Years 9-13 had a Saint Cecilia's School Christmas Netball Tournament with over 50 pupils and students playing. The teams were completely mixed up with year groups playing together. Well done to all for a fun and competitive tournament! A special mention to Coaches' Players **Kate** and **Mia** in Year 9. Superleague coach Ellie Kelk was impressed with the girls and said how well **Olivia** and **Alexia** played too.

On the last Thursday of term, we also had the Years 7-9 Saint Cecilia's School Christmas Netball Tournament with over 75 students playing. Again we mixed up the teams completely. The atmosphere was fantastic as the girls got into the festive spirit, as well as playing some good quality netball.



Netball season highlights of 2021

With 14 teams and 60 fixtures under their belt in the first half of the season, Imogen Hamel and I have selected our 'top two teams so far':

The senior netball 1st team have won every single game this season, apart from one where they lost by just one goal. The opposition teams have included both state and private schools. A superb half of the season by this squad.

The 7A squad have won all their games apart from one. They have the most impressive goal difference, scoring 118 goals already in the season.

Harriet Field
Teacher of PE



2022 has begun extremely positively on the netball court for Year 7. The Year 7A team played the second of their matches for the Wandsworth League. They played against Harris Academy Clapham and won with an outstanding 18-0 to Saint Cecilia's.

All players are to be commended for their fantastic efforts, especially considering they haven't had a training session since being back at school! Player of the match - **Yvette**

Pictured (left) **Naomi, Gabrielle, Evie, Abigail, Ellen, Eliza, Yvette, Coco and Lucy.**

Imogen Hamel
Teacher of PE

Change to Summer Term Dates

We have adjusted term dates to take into account the additional Jubilee Bank Holiday during May half term. The last day of the Summer term has been brought forward a day to **Wednesday 20th July**. All dates are published on the school website.

Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Wednesday 20th July 2022 (finish 12pm)

(NB May Day Bank Holiday on 2nd May 2022)

Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Thursday 21st July - INSET Day, school will be closed to pupils and students

Extra-Curricular Clubs/Activities

The updated list of Extra-Curricular Clubs/Activities for the Spring Term can be found [here](#) on the website.

Caroline Pyper
Marketing Assistant



Call out for trainers and football boots



The PE department finds that many children don't have the appropriate footwear for football and PE lessons.

They would be grateful for any old trainers and football boots that you may not need/have grown out of. If you have any, whatever the size or condition, please could you bring them into school and drop them into the PE office.



Christopher Luke
Interim Curriculum Team Leader for Physical Education and Year Leader for Year 10

Upcoming Event Reminders

- **Saturday 15th January:** Sixth Form Admissions Consultation Meetings
- **Saturday 22nd January:** Sixth Form Admissions Consultation Meetings
- **Wednesday 26th January:** Year 10 Trip to The Design Museum (9:30am - 3:30pm)
- **Thursday 27th January:** Year 9 Booster Vaccinations
- **Thursday 27th January:** Year 11 Parents' Evening